SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Washington, DC 20423

Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration

July 22, 2005

Mr. Tom Garcia Colfax County Manager Colfax County Board of Commissioners P.O. Box 1498 Raton, New Mexico 87740

Re:

STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 428X), BNSF Railway Company

Abandonment Exemption - in Colfax County, NM

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Thank you for your letter, dated June 22, 2005, in which you submitted several questions regarding the above-titled abandonment proceeding. Enclosed, please find the Environmental Assessment for this proceeding, as well as the Post Environmental Assessment memorandum, which I believe respond to your questions regarding the environmental review process. I have also enclosed the most recent decision issued by the Surface Transportation Board in this proceeding, dated July 21, 2005, for your information.

The Board's Office of Public Services (OPS) responds to questions regarding interim trail use, public use, and other reuse alternatives. You may contact OPS directly at (202) 565-1592, or mail inquiries to Surface Transportation Board, Office of Public Services, Washington, DC 20423.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Rini Ghosh of my staff at (202) 565-1539.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson

Chief

Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures